

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (cancelled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): The electric shaver according to Claim [[1]] 7, wherein said outer cutter and said inner cutter are disposed so that said outer and inner cutters are spaced apart from each other except for sliding contact portions of said outer cutter surface and said inner cutter surface.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The electric shaver according to Claim 1 or 2 7, wherein said outer cutter surface is formed, on at least a part thereof, with an outer cutter guide surface whose shape in cross section in a direction of diameter of said outer cutter is rectilinear, and said inner cutter surface is formed with an inner cutter guide surface which makes sliding contact with said outer cutter guide surface.

Claim 5 (cancelled).

Claim 6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (previously presented): An electric shaver comprising:

an outer cutter in which a shaving surface that contacts the skin is formed in a ring shape and an inside surface of said shaving surface is formed as an outer cutter surface, and

an inner cutter in which a portion that makes sliding contact with said outer cutter surfaces formed as an inner cutter surface, said inner cutter surface being connected to an inner cutter drive shaft so as to be rotated, wherein

said outer cutter and said inner cutter be tiltably disposed with respect to a cutter frame that is disposed on an electric shaver main body;

said inner cutter surface is formed as a convex curved surface that protrudes towards said outer cutter side, said outer cutter surface is formed as a concave curved surface that receives said convex curved surface of said inner cutter surface, and said convex inner cutter surface and said concave outer cutter surface are in an engagement with each other so as to prevent axial deviation of said inner cutter; and

said outer cutter surface is formed, on at least a part thereof, with an outer cutter guide surface whose shape in cross section in a direction of diameter of said outer cutter is rectilinear,

and said inner cutter surface is formed with an inner cutter guide surface which makes sliding contact with said outer cutter guide surface.

Claim 8 (original): The electric shaver according to Claim 7, wherein said outer cutter guide surface has an angle of inclination  $\theta$  which is substantially  $30^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$  with respect to a plane of rotation of said inner cutter.

Claim 9 (previously presented): An electric shaver comprising:

an outer cutter in which a shaving surface that contacts the skin is formed in a ring shape and an inside surface of said shaving surface is formed as an outer cutter surface, and

an inner cutter in which a portion that makes sliding contact with said outer cutter surface is formed as an inner cutter surface, said inner cutter being connected to an inner cutter drive shaft so as to be rotated, wherein

said outer cutter and said inner cutter being tiltably disposed with respect to a cutter frame that is disposed on electric shaver main body;

said inner cutter surface is formed as a convex curved surface that protrudes towards said outer cutter side, said outer cutter surface is formed as a concave curved surface that receives said convex curved surface of said inner cutter surface, and said convex inner cutter surface and said concave outer cutter surface are in engagement with each other so as to prevent axial deviation of said inner cutter; and

one or more concentric circular demarcating grooves are formed in said outer cutter, and said inner cutter surface is formed in a shape that engages with said outer cutter surface demarcated by said demarcating grooves.

Claim 10 (original). The electric shaver according to Claim 4, wherein one or more concentric circular demarcating grooves are formed in said outer cutter, and said inner cutter surface is formed in a shape that engages with said outer cutter surface demarcated by said demarcating grooves.

Claim 11 (cancelled).

Claim 12 (original). The electric shaver according to Claim 7, wherein one or more concentric circular demarcating grooves are formed in said outer cutter, and said inner cutter surface is formed in a shape that engages with said outer cutter surface demarcated by said demarcating grooves.

Claim 13 (original). The electric shaver according to Claim 8, wherein one or more concentric circular demarcating grooves are formed in said outer cutter, and said inner cutter surface is formed in a shape that engages with said outer cutter surface demarcated by said demarcating grooves.